

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF

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FOR: SYNTHETIC QUARTZ POWDER,

ITS PRODUCTION PROCESS, AND SYNTHETIC QUARTZ CRUCIBLE

AMENDMENT

COMMISSIONER OF PATENTS ALEXANDRIA, VA 22313

SIR:

In response to the Office Action dated May 9, 2003, please amend the application identified above as follows.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 5 of this paper.